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Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)****Note:** Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.**Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination****Note:** If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.Location of Veterinary Shortage: Jackson County, Ohio
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)Center of Service Area or
Location of Position: 969 E. Main Street, Jackson, OH 45640
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)**Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty**☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐
- Beef Cattle
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- ☐
- Dairy Cattle
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- ☐
- Swine
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- ☐
- Poultry
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- ☐
- Small Ruminant
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- ☐
- Other _____

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒
- Beef Cattle
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- ☒
- Dairy Cattle
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- ☒
- Swine
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- ☐
- Poultry
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- ☒
- Small Ruminant
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- ☐
- Other : _____

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐
- Food Safety
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- ☐
- Public Health
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- ☐
- Epidemiology
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- ☐
- Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

Overcoming the lack of adequate clinical veterinary care in the underserved counties in Ohio especially for food animal production is the most important objective. Also, disease surveillance so vital to effective infectious disease detection and control is markedly enhanced by veterinarians serving in these areas. Protecting and promoting Ohio's livestock and poultry industry serves both our state and our nation, and would consume 35-40% of the practitioner's time in Jackson County and surrounding counties within a 60 mile radius.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

Assisting farmers, livestock producers, and other stakeholders with preventive medicine programs, providing clinical medicine for sick and diseased animals, assuring adequate surveillance for dangerous and contagious infectious disease, assisting regulatory officials as appropriate, and by being knowledgeable of both the unique characteristics of the geo-economic area and of specific requirements of many livestock farms in very economically depressed areas.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

Past efforts have involved actively seeking veterinarians, vet students and pre-vet students interested in food animal medicine and advising them of the opportunities available by serving in underrepresented areas. We are developing a plan not yet implemented by being more proactive in matching demographics of the target area(s) with the expectations of the practitioners. Further, we intend to provide easy access to conferences and workshops devoted specifically to food animal practitioners to help insure their success both economically and professionally. Jackson County and surrounding counties are markedly underserved for food animal veterinary service and are ones in which the need is growing.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

The counties we have targeted for food animal veterinary care are economically less important than other areas that have large commercial operations. However, these counties are nevertheless very important from a disease prevention and surveillance perspective. Without adequate veterinary resources readily available, these counties could serve as an incubator for very serious, highly infectious and contagious diseases including zoonotic diseases. Further, the lack of veterinary resources exacerbates the problems associated with the implementation of the one health-one medicine concept and all that it implies. Finally, small farmers, small producers, and other citizens of these counties deserve for their animals adequate and meaningful access to veterinarians.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

We do not regard this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" position.

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